

# NOVELLA™

FINE WINES

## 2005 CHARDONNAY

*Estate Bottled • Paso Robles*

### WINEMAKER NOTES

In California, 2005 was the largest wine grape harvest on record, producing that rare match of both quantity and exceptional quality. The rainfall in Paso Robles ranked as the eighth wettest year since official records began being kept in 1869. The cool, wet spring was followed by a sunny and dry but relatively cool early summer until July, when daytime highs reached 100 degrees and stayed there for a period of two weeks.

Chardonnay is the largest planted varietal in our Estate Vineyards, with 136 acres currently yielding. The 2005 Novella Chardonnay release represents a blend sourced from our two main vineyards on East-Side Paso Robles, Home Ranch and Brothers Ranch.

The wine opens with intense aromas of lemon grass, mango, and green apple, leading to the flavors of a full fruit basket. Fresh peach, green apple, and citrus zest are complimented by the tropical fruit flavors, such as mango and kiwi, associated with Chardonnay from our Estate vineyards. The wine finishes clean, with crisp acidity and citrus notes of lemon and grapefruit.

A great wine to drink young, the bright fruit and good acidity would pair well with a salad of fresh baby greens with kiwi and orange slices, topped with balsamic vinaigrette.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

<b>Varietal Composition:</b>	<i>100% Chardonnay</i>
<b>Harvest Date:</b>	<i>10/07/05</i>
<b>Harvest Brix:</b>	<i>24.0°</i>
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	<i>.07%</i>
<b>Total Acid:</b>	<i>.42g/100ml</i>
<b>Ph:</b>	<i>3.64</i>
<b>Finished Alcohol:</b>	<i>13.5%</i>
<b>Barrel Regime:</b>	<i>No barrels used to retain fresh fruit acidity</i>
<b>Vineyard Location:</b>	<i>49% Brothers Ranch, 51% Home Ranch</i>